

# Tukwila Tree and Environment Advisory Committee

## Meeting Notes

### Meeting 3, October 4, 2016

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Don Scanlon, Sharon Mann, Heidi Watters, Kathleen Wilson, Councilmember De'Sean Quinn

**Committee Members Absent:** Sean Albert, Nancy Eklund, Stephen Reilly, Genevieve Christensen

**Members of the Public in Attendance:** none

**Staff in Attendance:** Andrea Cummins, Nora Gierloff, Carol Lumb

The meeting began at 6:05 p.m.

### Topics of Discussion:

- Brief introductions of committee members and staff.
- Public comment: (Time will be set aside at the beginning of each meeting for brief public comments; the Committee is meeting in work session format, therefore, questions or comments from the public that come up during the course of the meeting should be directed to staff via e-mail or telephone calls after the meeting.)
  - Andy Padvorak, Puget Sound Energy: Mr. Padvorak handles land use and environmental permits for PSE; their mantra, right tree, right place. He will send staff comments. PSE desires a clear path under utility lines and a clear process to remove trees rather than top them when needed.
  - The Committee asked how much clearance is needed? Mr. Padvorak said it depends on what kind of line it is – he will get back to Committee.
- Housekeeping items:
  - The draft meeting notes from 9-29-16 were reviewed – as several Committee members were absent, action was deferred to the 10/4 meeting.
- Review continued on the draft landscaping code, picking up on page 13, TMC 18.52.060, “Parking Lot Landscaping”:
  1. \*18.52.060 and landscaping table: Committee directed that incentives to put the parking behind buildings be included in the commercial and some industrial districts. Incentive would be reduced landscaping required for parking behind buildings.
  2. Discussion on clustering of landscaping – would not want this to be the default for landscaping on a site. The use of clustering requires administrative approval – staff would review for whether it is appropriate to cluster.
  3. \*Page 14, #8, add reference to surface water chapter of TCC.
  4. \*Page 14, is there a way to make sure pedestrian path of travel is established on the plans so the landscaping isn't affected? Staff will review.
  5. \*Page 15, discussion on #10 at top of page – different types of materials that are permeable – pavers, asphalt, concrete. What areas are adjacent to the landscape areas? Staff will look at clarifying.

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6. Important for property owners to take care of their landscape areas – pick up trash, trim plant material. This language is included under the Maintenance section – Code Enforcement used if property is not maintained.
7. Suggest adding illustrations to the chapter – staff agrees and will be working on these to be incorporated later.
8. \*Page 17, #2. Important for plant material on green roofs or rooftop gardens to be maintained to industry standards – put onus on developer to meet purpose of landscape code. Staff will look at language, probably in Maintenance subsection.
9. Page 18, d.: discussion on bioretention facilities – non-infiltrating vs. infiltrating and setback requirements from structures. This can also affect the number of parking stalls that will fit on site.
10. Page 18. e.: the value of retained significant trees should be posted during construction. If the tree dies, what is enforcement? Becomes a code enforcement issue – violation of the landscaping chapter.
11. \*Page 18. B.1.b. – add shrubs.
12. \*The Committee discussed whether to include fines for removal of trees without a permit. Staff was directed to develop language establishing fines.

### Action Items

1. See \*starred items above for items staff is to address in a revised Committee draft.
2. The next meeting will review the revised landscaping chapter incorporating Committee changes.

The meeting closed at 8:25 pm.